

22 July 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Fiscal Section
THRU: Chief, Finance Division 25X1A
SUBJECT: Travel Reimbursement Voucher [REDACTED]

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As requested in your memorandum of 11 July 1947, submitted herewith is a statement of the circumstances under which it was essential for [REDACTED] to return to the United States for reorientation and consultation concerning Pacific Mission operations.

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During the first four months of 1947 a group of PBIB engineers and technicians under [REDACTED] immediate supervision had been exploring the possibilities of radio monitoring in East Asia, conducting exhaustive tests in [REDACTED] and drawing up specific plans for an installation near [REDACTED] including estimates of requirements for construction, equipment and other logistic support. When these plans were completed and presented to the occupation authorities in Tokyo, it was believed desirable that [REDACTED] himself return to Washington to afford Projects Review Committee first-hand information for its consideration of the project.

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[REDACTED] was ordered to Washington in the belief that the Committee would act on this project before 1 June 1947. During his travel, however, considerations involving national foreign policy arose which delayed this action. [REDACTED] was given another temporary assignment; but when it became apparent by 1 July 1947 that the delay would be protracted further, he requested annual leave. In view of the fact that during [REDACTED] years of government service in the Pacific, [REDACTED] has sacrificed some sixty days of accumulated annual leave, his request was granted on the condition that he return to duty when his project reappears on the Committee agenda.

[REDACTED] was presumably unaware that reduced rates are scheduled for round-trip air transportation. It is suggested that Voucher No. 142 be paid in full, if possible, and a deduction representing the round-trip differential be made from his return trip account if that proves necessary after further investigation.

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